

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The rejection of Claims 1 to 4, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by *Usuki* (U.S. 6,239,771), is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to an image cut-away/display system that offers in a timely manner a plurality of users with high quality images. With such outside view data, it is very helpful for drivers or pilots because outside views are frequently very limited or completely invisible due to positions of the crew members with the exception of the pilot or driver and a co-pilot on a vehicle such as an automobile, train or aircraft. Thus, the system of the present invention provides an image cut-away/display system containing a plurality of image taking means for taking images in a continuous view area, means for combining the images taken by the image taking means to form a single wide-area view image. View-point data generating means generates view-point data for each of the users and image cut-away means are provided for cutting away images for each user from the single wide-area view image based on the view-point data for each user. The image display means are then used to display the cut-away images for each user at a view-point of each user. This is illustrated in the drawings, particularly Figure 2, which shows the camera arrangement according to the present invention, and Figure 4 which shows the processing from a combination of images to an image cut-away.

The present invention features a view-point data generating means for generating view-point data for each of the users based on the motion of the eyeballs of each of the users. This is described in the application, page 3, lines 9 to 20. This feature has now been inserted into Claim 1.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the system of *Usuki* does not provide view-point data generating means based on the motion of the eyeballs of each of the users.

In addition, new Claim 5 specifies a plurality of cameras mounted in the vehicle for taking continuous pictures of a wide range of surroundings without a rift and an image cut-away means for editing the continuous image so as to make optimum use thereof for the crew member through the view-point information.

The cited reference does not disclose a plurality of cameras mounted on a vehicle for taking continuous pictures of a wide range of surroundings without a rift and also the image cut-away means.

Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that the cited reference does not create anticipation of the presently claimed invention.

For reasons set forth above, applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and, therefore, favorable action at the Examiner's earliest convenience is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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